

Christmas Eve at Saint Luke's

Join us this evening, as we offer three Christmas Eve services:

5:00 p.m. The Christmas Story

This family-friendly worship service in the Sanctuary, the "Sounds of Christmas," will feature children re-telling the Nativity story (with live sheep!), as well as a message from Rev. Shannon Dill. The 45-minute service will end with candle lighting and the carol, *Silent Night*.

9:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols

This traditional service in the Sanctuary offers nine scripture lessons and special music, ending with candle lighting and the carol, *Silent Night*.

11:00 p.m. Peaceful and Unplugged

This casual and cozy Chapel service will offer acoustic music and end in candlelight.



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SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 24, 2023

10:30 a.m.

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Ginger Williams

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Kelly, Mitchell & Cullen Davis

Hymn # 115 *

Away In A Manger

Prayer *

Nancy Self

Holy God,
More days than not, hope feels like the rain.
We try to hold onto it with cupped hands,
but eventually, it slips right on through.
Forgive us for holding hope so loosely.
Forgive us for allowing the realities of today to define tomorrow.
We know that this world needs people of hope, so today we pray: turn
us into those people.
Teach us how to sing Mary's song of hope for the world.
With open hearts we pray, Amen.

Scripture Readings

Mary Martin

Mary's Magnificat—Luke 1:46—55
Zechariah's Prophecy—Luke 1:67—80

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 110 *

Love Has Come

Mark Rogers, Jay Rogers, guitar

Reading: Words of Affirmation *

Nancy Self

We believe
that hope can change the world.
We believe
that God uses ordinary people, like an unwed teenage mother,
for extraordinary good.
And we believe
that each of these ordinary people can make a difference.
We know that grief, fear, and suffering abound.
We know that suffering quells joy and makes it harder to hope.
But we choose hope anyway.
In the face of hardship,
we hope together.
We hope with God.
We hope for a better world.
This is our song.
We believe, O God, help our unbelief.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Mitchell Davis

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Offering

Mary Martin

Closing Hymn # 134 *

Joy to the World

Blessing *

Ginger Williams

Postlude *